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SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" From the question, it is clear that the award was given on the 25th May 1953. Very nearly ten months have elapsed since that date and yet, we are surprised to hear from the Hon. Minister that the question of prosecuting the particular Press is under the consideration of the Government. Will the Government give us an assurance that they will not take another twelve months to consider this matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, there are factors which prevent the Government from taking any action. How can I give an assurance of the sort asked for by the hon. Member? I hope that if the points which prevent the implementation of the award are solved, the Government will immediately proceed in the matter."

Opening of a channel on the right side of the South Pennar.

* 493 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for opening a channel on the right side of the South Pennar river under the Sathanur Scheme;

(*b*) whether any investigation has been made; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A suggestion for the investigation of a channel on the right side of the proposed Sathanur Reservoir Project is under consideration."

Increase in the salary of elementary school teachers.

* 494 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether school teachers are entitled to be paid enhanced salaries under the new Elementary Education Scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Expert Committee on the Modified Scheme has recommended that, within the limits of finance, the best that is possible should be done to give an appropriate increment in the salary of elementary school teachers. The matter is under consideration. I may also bring to the notice of the hon. Member the announcement I made recently with reference to the salary of elementary school teachers."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We can take up the next question also."

* 495 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 10-50 a.m.

(*a*) whether the recommendation of the Expert Committee garding the increase of pay of elementary school teachers has been accepted by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the revised scales of pay;